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## Forecasting Solar Indices with ADAPT

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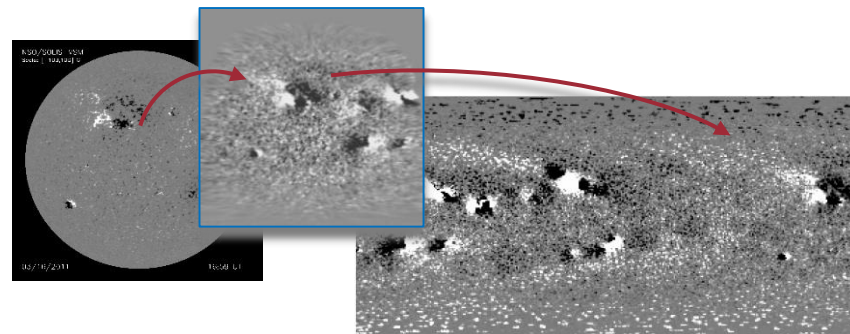


# Air Force Data Assimilative Potospheric Flux Transport (ADAPT)



The ADAPT\* model generates global solar photospheric magnetic field maps using flux transport that accounts for known surface flows in the solar photosphere:

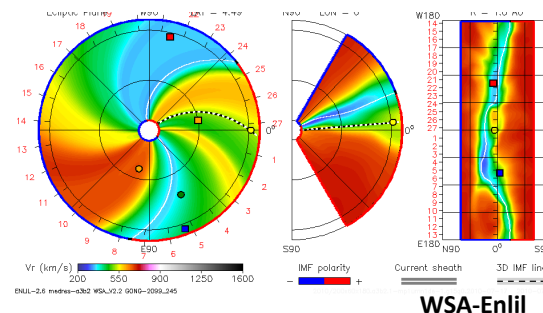
- *differential rotation*
- *meridional circulation*
- *supergranular diffusion*



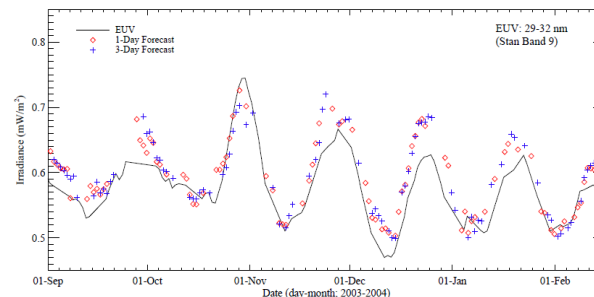
Example ADAPT Global Solar Magnetic Map

Global magnetic maps are utilized to drive:

- coronal & solar wind models used to forecast wind parameters and Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) arrival times
- empirical models to forecast  $F_{10.7}$  and XUV/EUV/FUV irradiance 1 to 7 days in advance for thermospheric modeling



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\*ADAPT References: Arge et al. 2013; Hickmann et al. 2015



# ADAPT Maps *Online*



Two types of ADAPT/GONG maps are generated daily at the National Solar Observatory (NSO) at: <ftp://gong2.nso.edu/adapt/maps/>

## Carrington Frame

Sub-directory: public/gong/.

Prefix: "adapt403"

Cadence: 12 hours

Realizations: 12\*

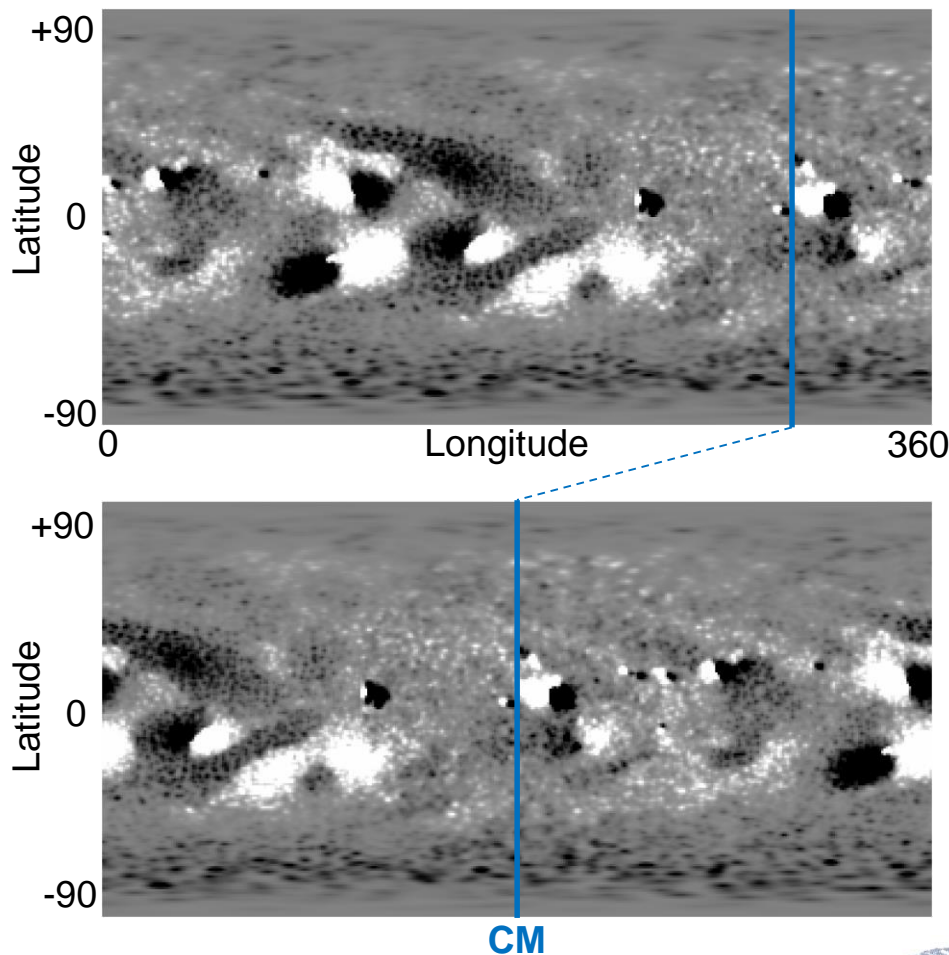
## Central Meridian Frame

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Prefix: "adapt413"

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Realizations: 12\*



Example ADAPT maps for 05nov2015 @ 12 UT

\* Currently, realizations only differ by supergranulation flow pattern.



# ADAPT Solar Magnetogram Sources



Kitt Peak Vacuum Telescope



NSO Integrated Synoptic Program  
Vector SpectroMagnetograph

**KPVT: 1977 – 2003**

[24 hr, single site, 868.8 nm]

**NISP/VSM: 2003 – present**

[24 hr, single site, 630.2 nm]

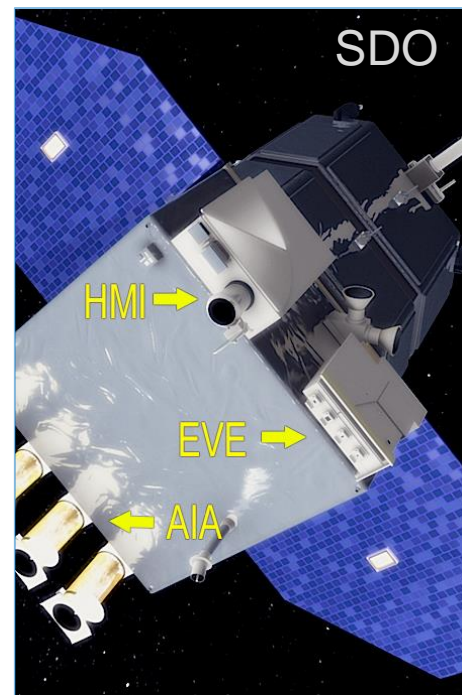
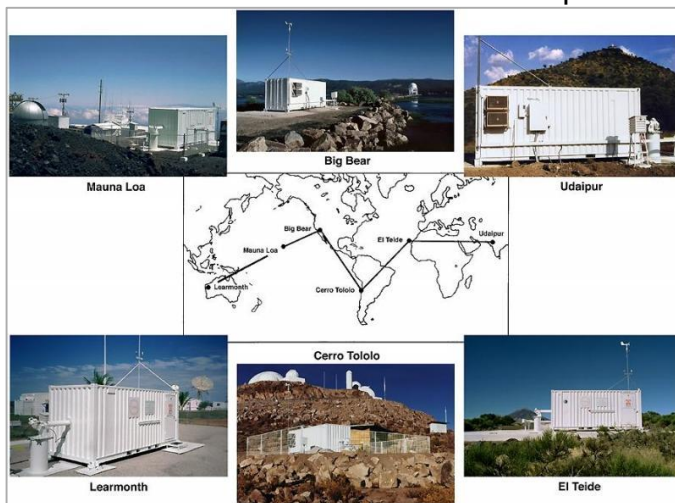
**NISP/GONG: 2006 – present**

[10 min, 6 sites, 676.8 nm]

**SDO/HMI: 2010 – present**

[12 min, Sat-GEO, 617.3 nm]

NSO Integrated Synoptic Program  
Global Oscillation Network Group



Helioseismic and Magnetic  
Imager (on the Solar  
Dynamics Observatory)





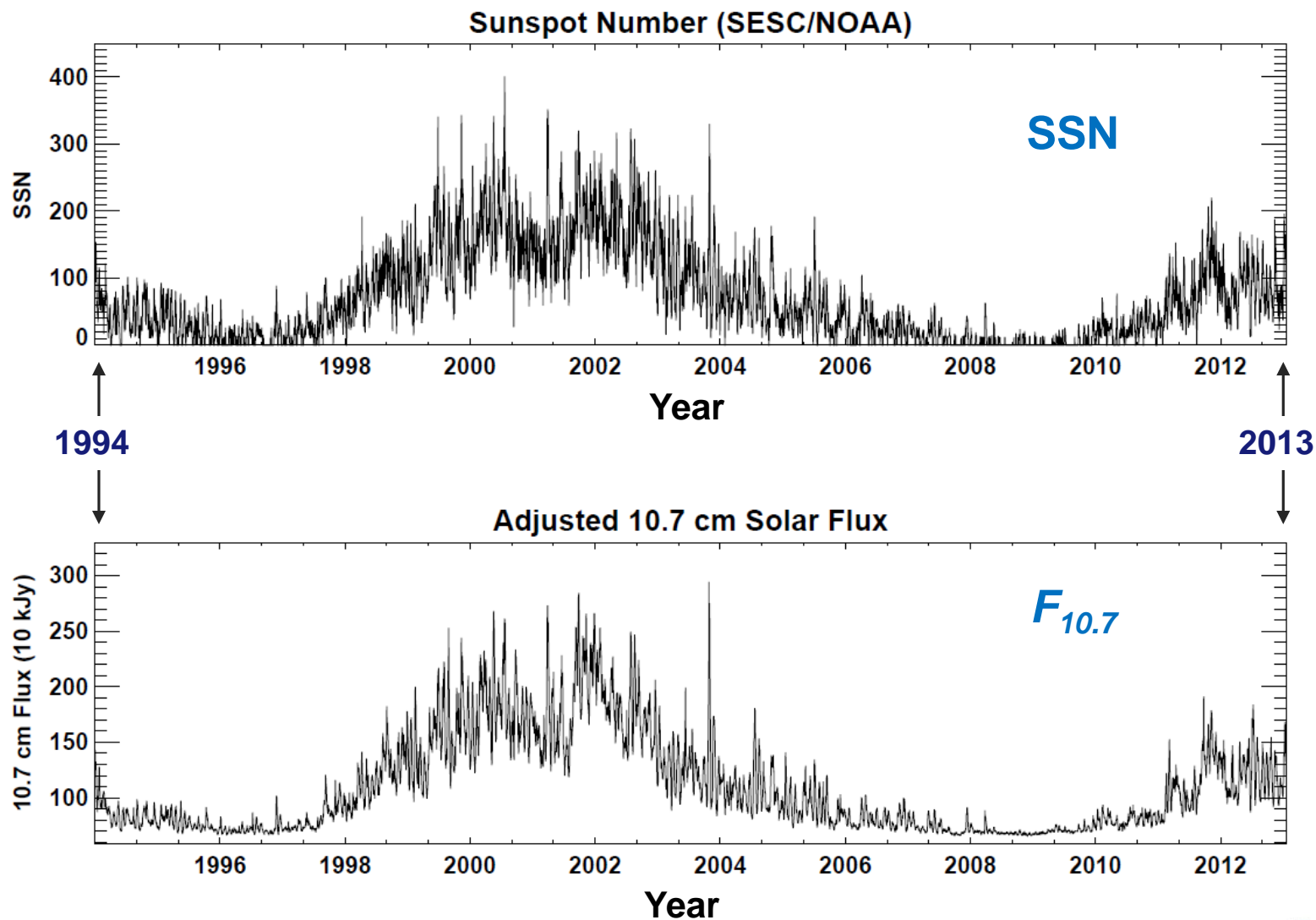
# Solar Indices



- Solar **extreme ultraviolet (EUV)** radiation is absorbed in the Earth's upper atmosphere (drives ionization & heating)
- Several solar indices have been used as proxies for EUV for periods without measurements at 10-120 nm, for example, the **sunspot number (SSN)**, **solar radio flux at 10.7 cm ( $F_{10.7}$ )** and the **Mg II core-to-wing ratio**
- Even with regular EUV irradiance observations (i.e., TIMED/SEE), solar  $F_{10.7}$  and the Mg II Index **are still used as the primary input** to ionospheric, thermospheric, and orbital drag models



# Sunspot Number & $F_{10.7}$

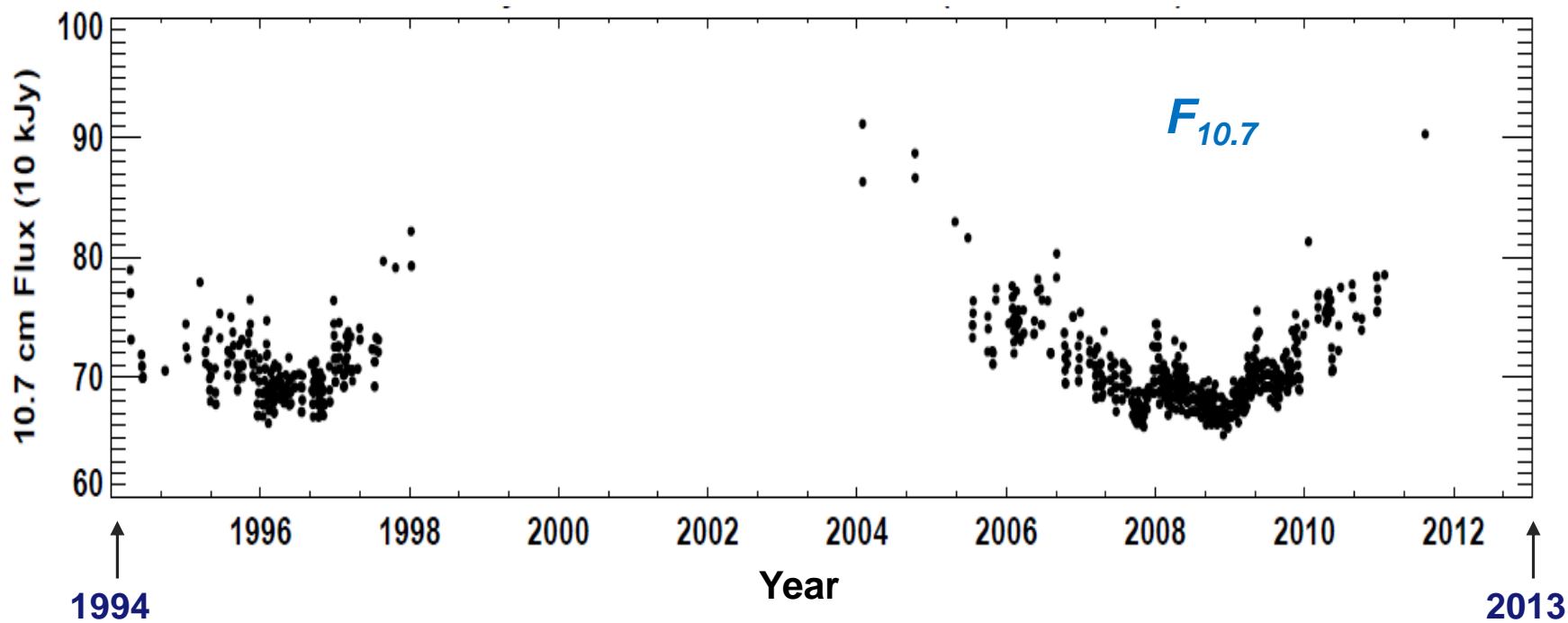




# Sunspot Number & $F_{10.7}$ (cont'd)

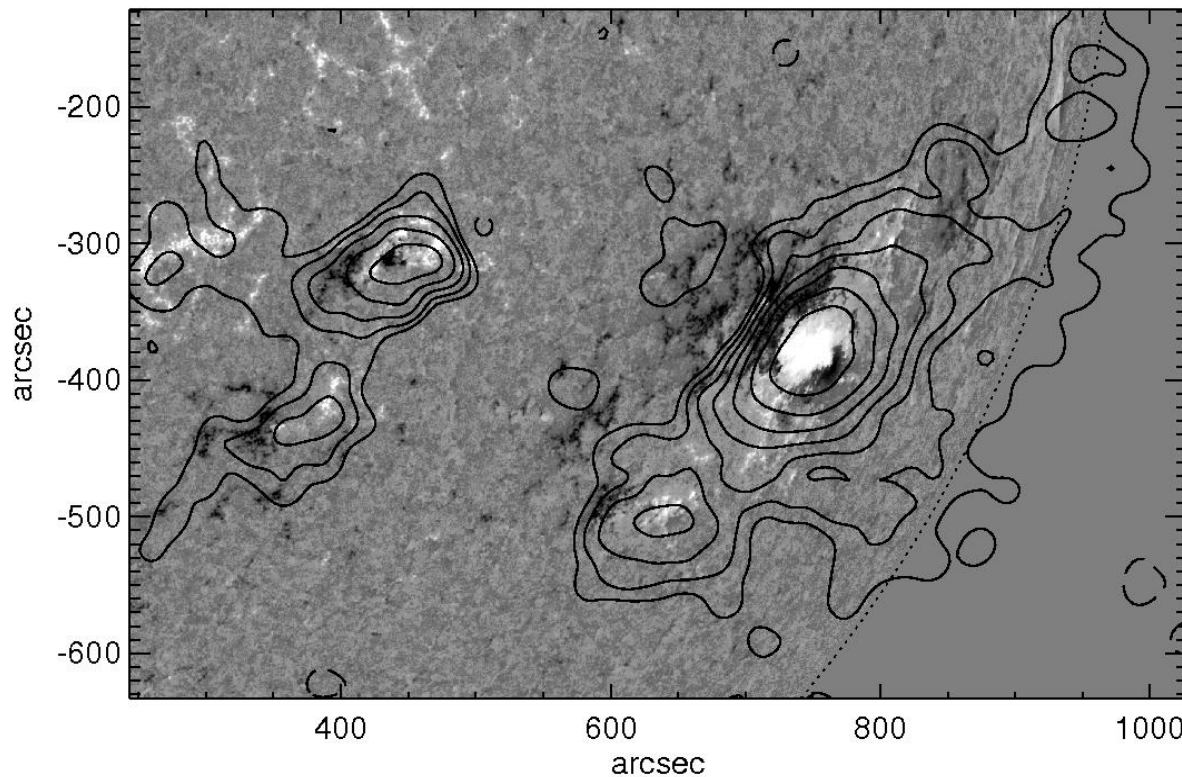


Observed  $F_{10.7}$  values when SSN=0





# Solar $F_{10.7}$ & Magnetic Field



VLA observation at 2.8 GHz (10.7 cm) from Dec 9, 2011; courtesy of Stephen White (AFRL). Contours are radio flux; background image SDO/HMI magnetogram.

For more discussion on  $F_{10.7}$  sources, see:

*Schonfeld et al. 2015, ApJ, 88, 29*





# $F_{10.7}$ & VUV Empirical Models



The  $F_{10.7}$  & VUV empirical models, based on Henney et al. 2012, use the near-side magnetic field estimates from the ADAPT maps:

$$F_{\text{model}} = m_0 + m_1 S_P + m_2 S_A$$

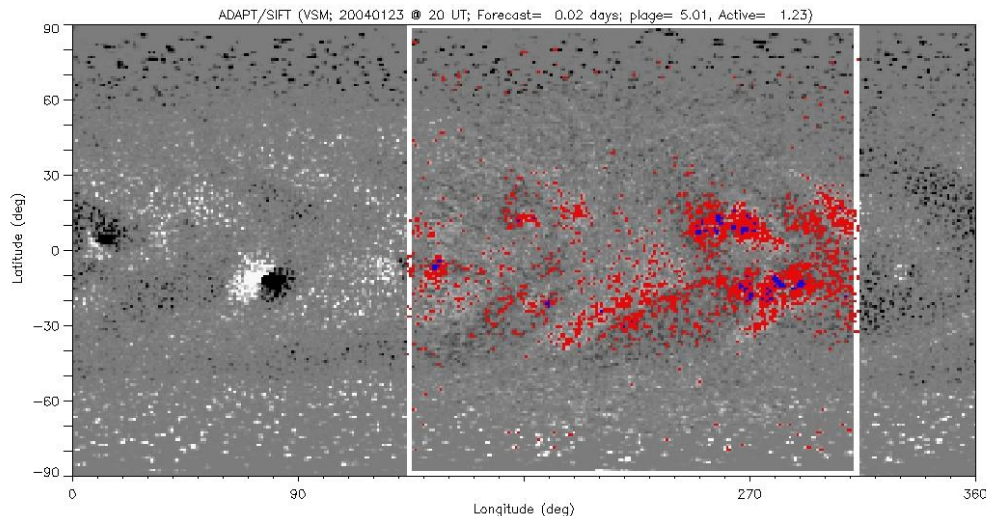
where

**Solar Weak Field**  
[“Plage”]

$$S_P = \frac{1}{\sum \omega_\theta} \sum_{25\text{G} < |B_r|} |B_r| \omega_\theta$$

**Solar Strong Field**  
[“Active”]

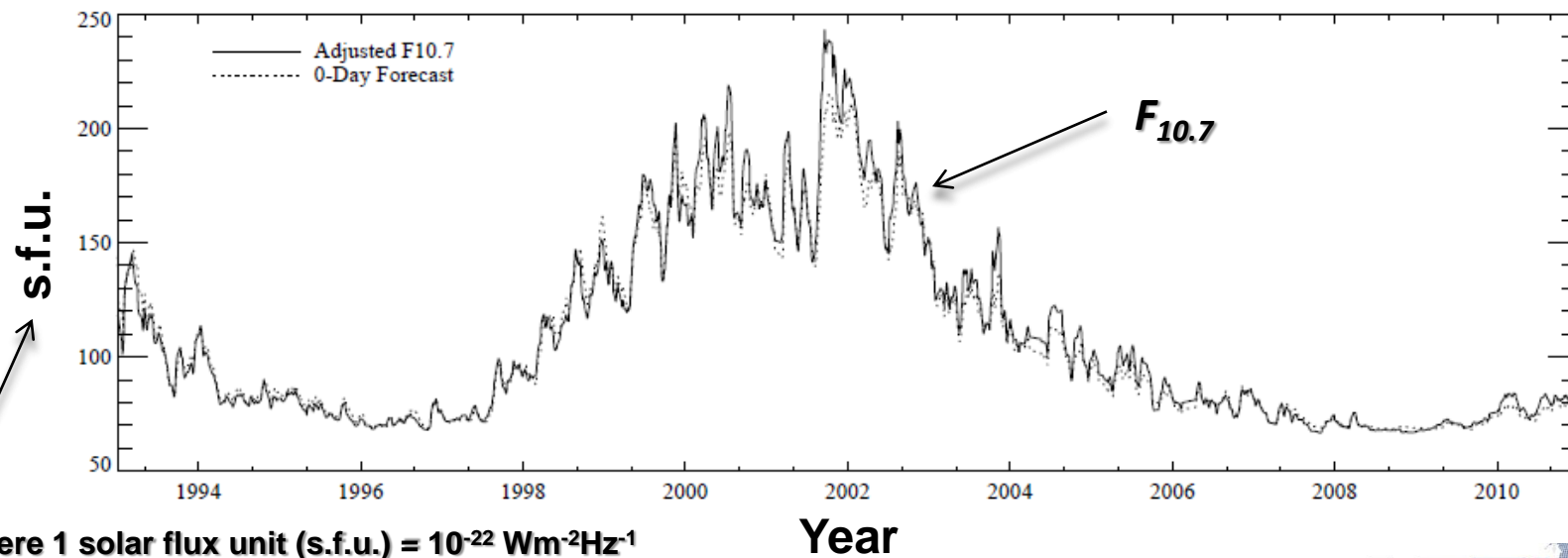
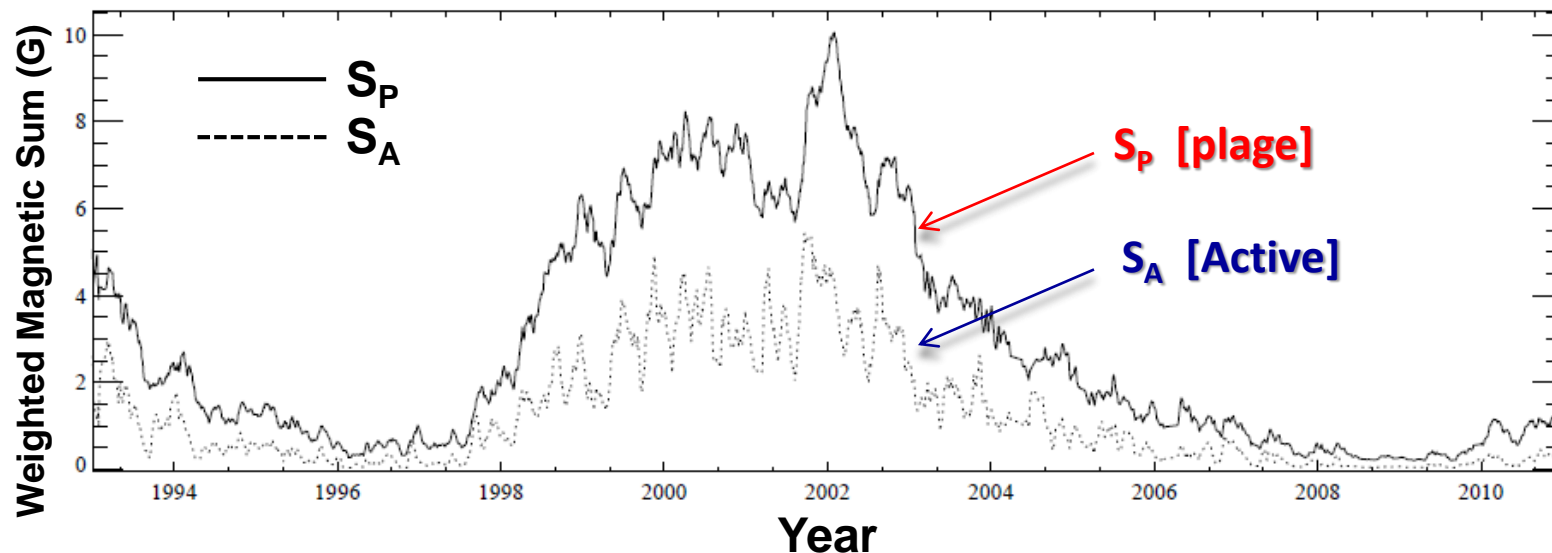
$$S_A = \frac{1}{\sum \omega_\theta} \sum_{150\text{G} \leq |B_r|} |B_r| \omega_\theta$$



For more discussion on the  $F_{10.7}$  & VUV modeling, see:  
[Henney et al. 2015, Space Weather, 13](#)



# ADAPT $F_{10.7}$ Model Nowcast



Henney et al., Space Weather, 10, S02011, 2012

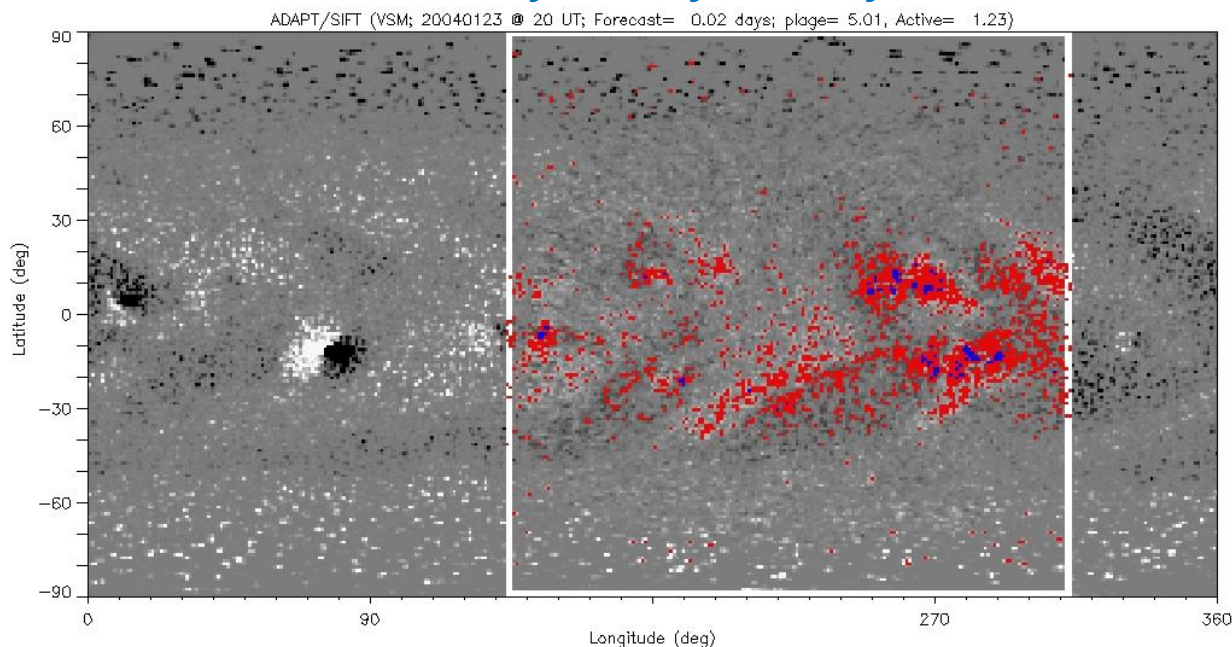


# Forecasting with ADAPT



ADAPT can generate global forecast maps, e.g., 1 to 7 days in the future, using magnetic flux transport modeling:

**7-day 3-day 0-day**

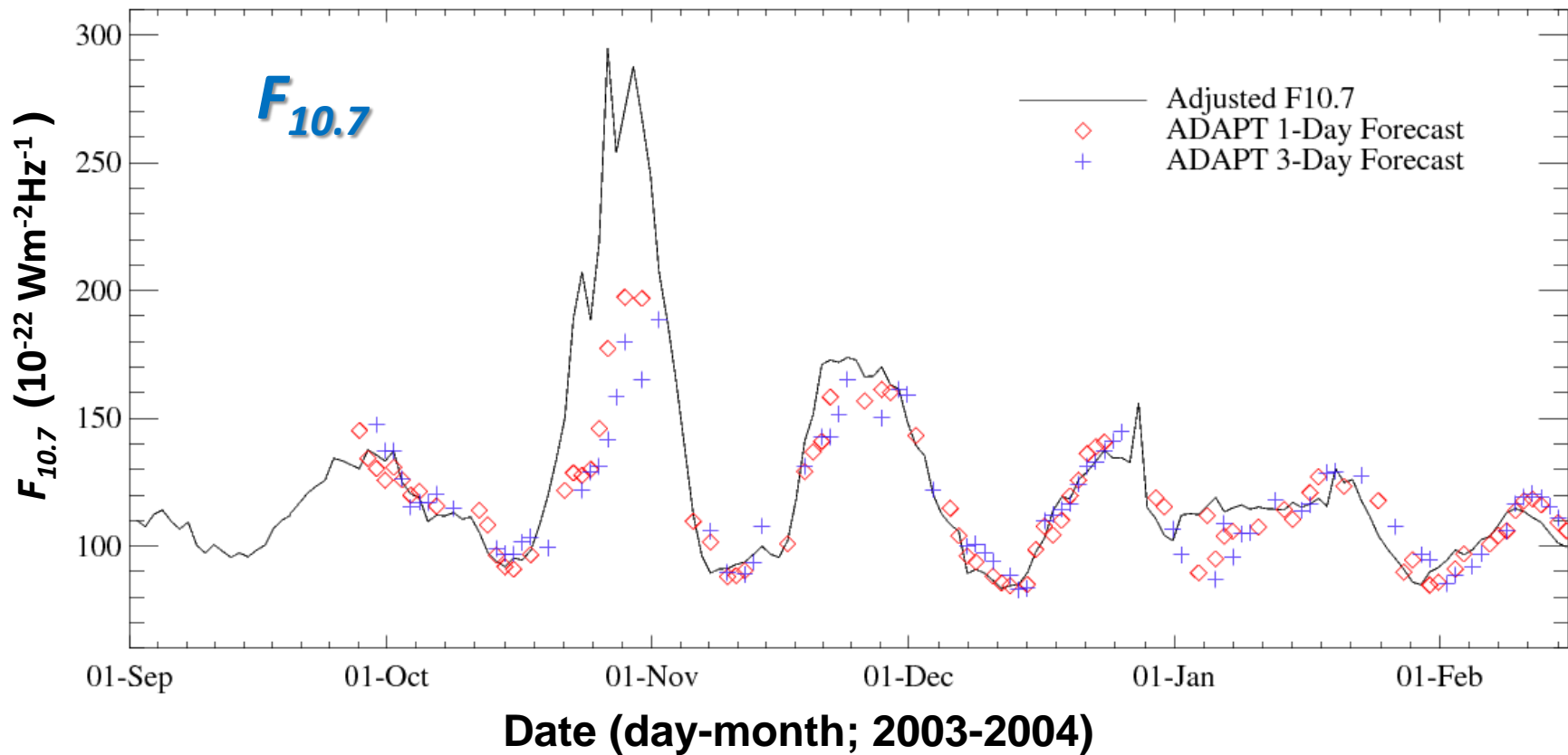


Global solar magnetic map (360 x 180 deg) created by ADAPT using NISP/SOLIS VSM data as input.

- ADAPT utilizes flux transport (*based on Worden & Harvey 2000*) to account for known surface flows in the solar photosphere:
  - **differential rotation, meridional circulation, supergranular diffusion**

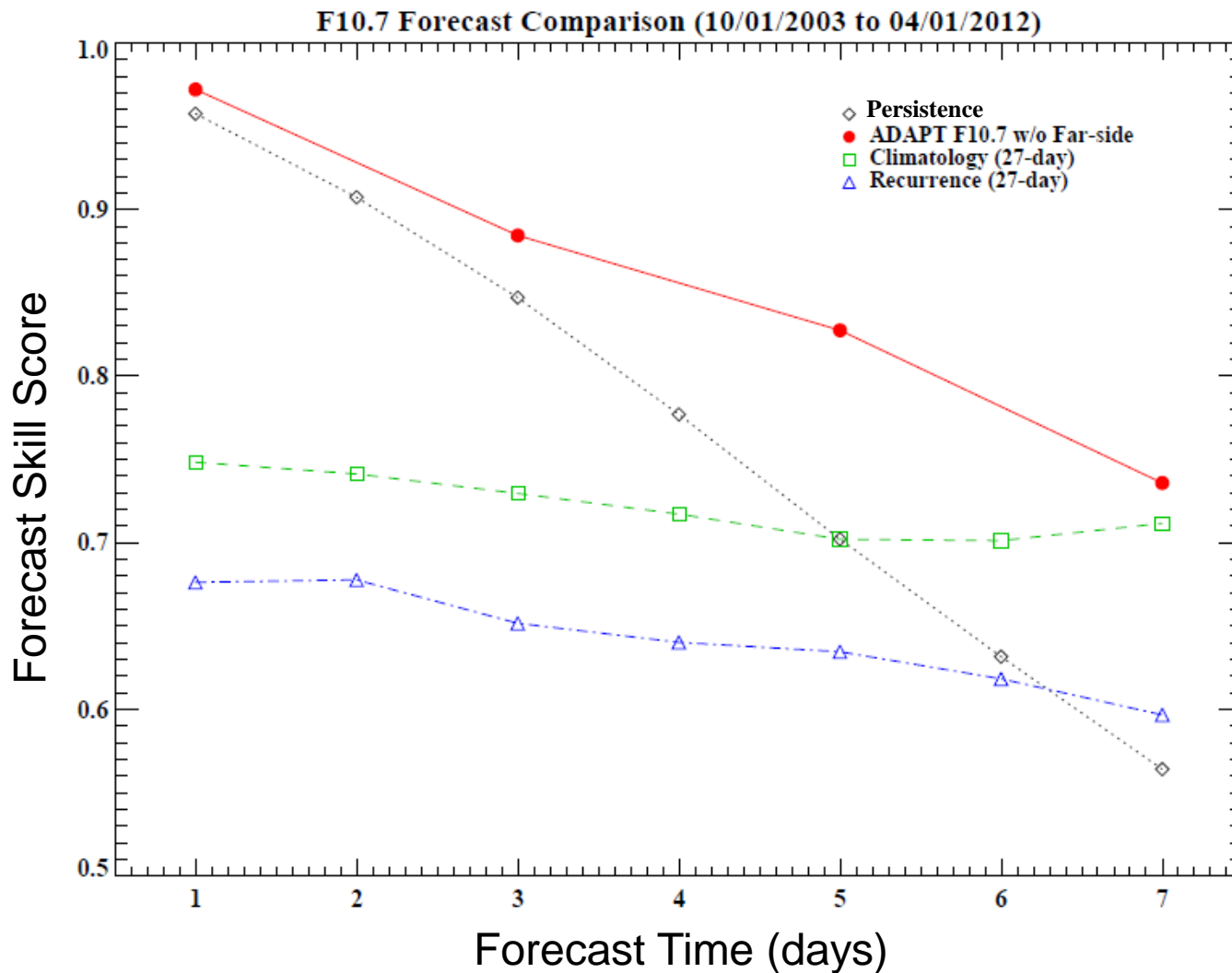


# ADAPT Forecasting: $F_{10.7}$





# ADAPT\* *F10.7 Skill Score*



\*using ADAPT maps without far-side detection data





# Modeling XUV, EUV, & FUV



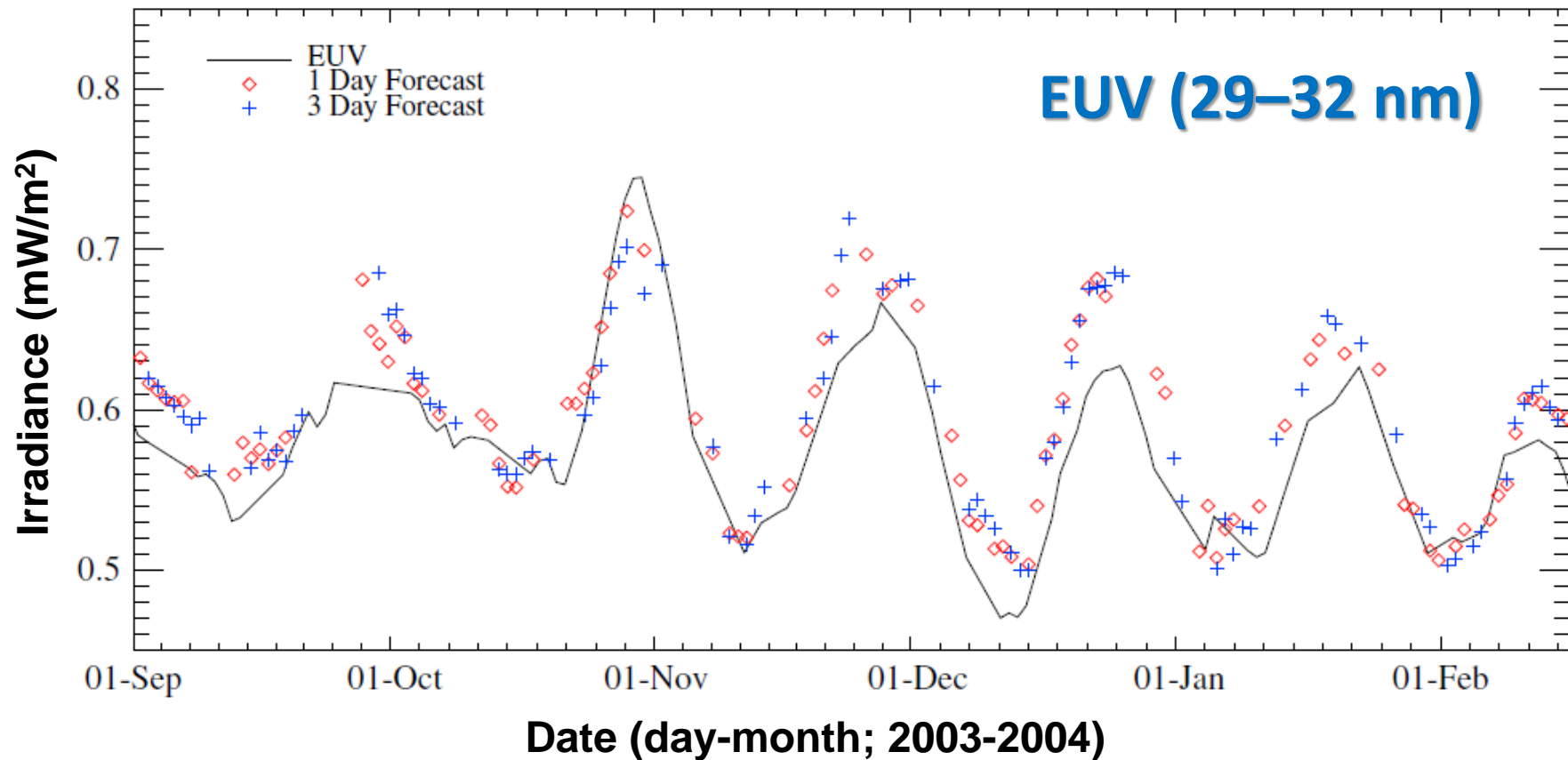
Thermospheric models typically divide the VUV spectral regions of interest into 37 bands within the **XUV**/ **EUV**/**FUV** intervals, where XUV is 0.1-10 nm, EUV is 10-121 nm, and FUV is 121-200 nm [Solomon and Qian, 2005]:

#	Wavelength	#	Wavelength	#	Wavelength	#	Wavelength
1	0.1-0.4nm	11	54.0-65.0nm	21	98.7-102.7nm	31	140.0-145.0nm
2	0.4-0.8nm	12	65.0-79.8nm (low)	22	102.7-105.0nm	32	145.0-150.0nm
3	0.8-1.8nm	13	65.0-79.8nm (high)	23	105.0-110.0nm	33	150.0-155.0nm
4	1.8-3.2nm	14	79.8-91.3nm (low)	24	110.0-115.0nm	34	155.0-160.0nm
5	3.2-7.0nm	15	79.8-91.3nm (mid)	25	115.0-120.0nm	35	160.0-165.0nm
6	7.0-15.5nm	16	79.8-91.3nm (high)	26	121.6nm Lyman- $\alpha$	36	165.0-170.0nm
7	15.5-22.4nm	17	91.3-97.5nm (low)	27	120.0-125.0nm	37	170.0-175.0nm
8	22.4-29.0nm	18	91.3-97.5nm (mid)	28	125.0-130.0nm		
9	29.0-32.0nm	19	91.3-97.5nm (high)	29	130.0-135.0nm		
10	32.0-54.0nm	20	97.5-98.7nm	30	135.0-140.0nm		

- For this study, we used solar irradiances measured by the Solar EUV Experiment (SEE) on NASA's TIMED mission [Woods et al. 2002], which has been operating since early 2002



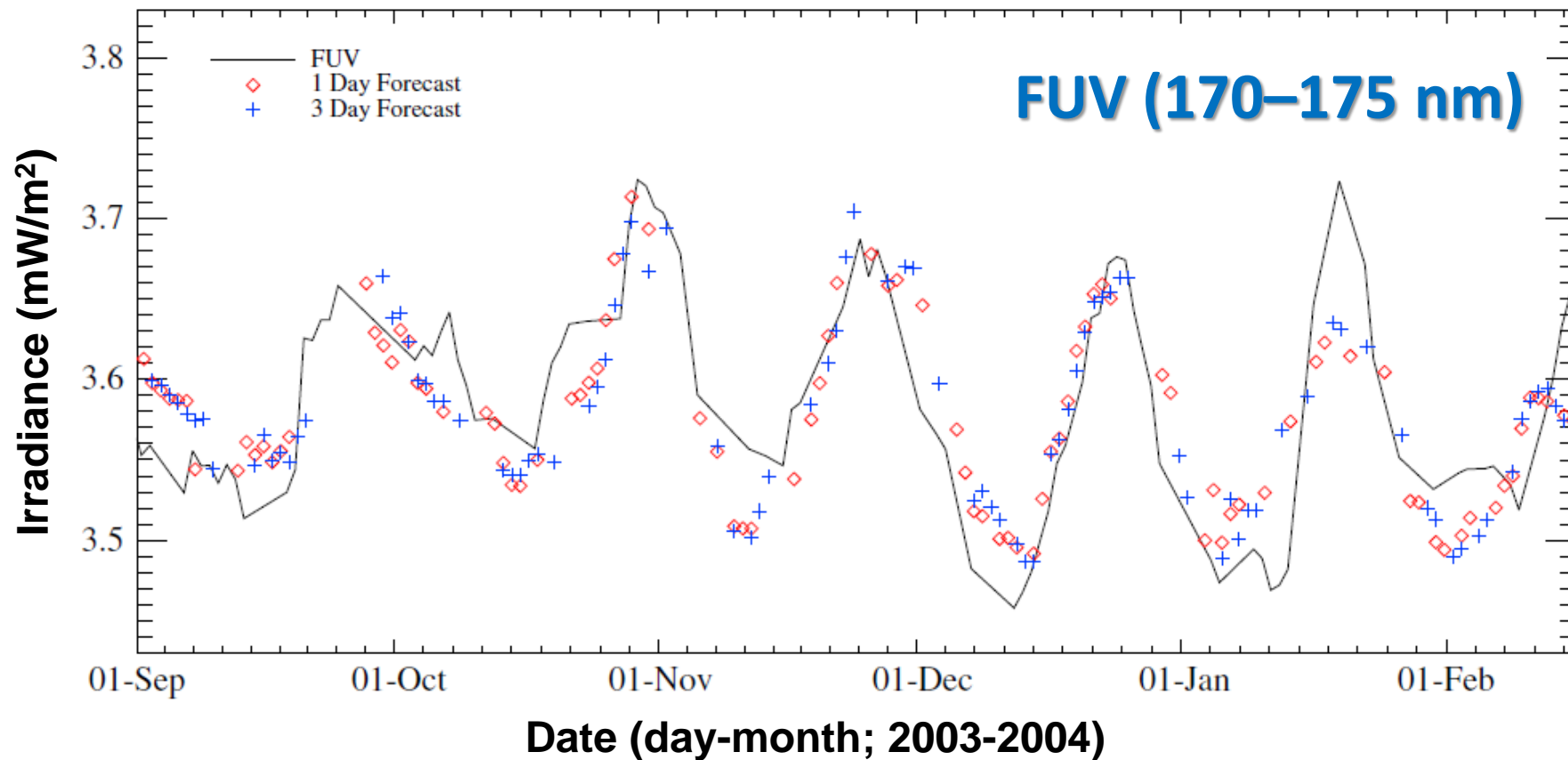
# ADAPT Forecasting: EUV



*Henney et al. 2015, Space Weather, 13, 141-153*



# ADAPT Forecasting: FUV



*Henney et al. 2015, Space Weather, 13, 141-153*



# $F_{10.7}$ & VUV Model Comparison



The F10.7 & VUV empirical models are defined as:

$$F_{\text{model}} = m_0 + m_1 S_P + m_2 S_A$$

Weak Field Sum  
[“**Plage**”]

Strong Field Sum  
[“**Active**”]

Average linear correlation values, and ratio of model coefficients  $m_1/m_2$ , for the period **2002 through 2010**:

Band	1-day	3-day	7-day	$m_1/m_2$
<b>F10.7</b>	.99	.97	.95	<b>.53</b>
<b>XUV</b>	.99	.98	.97	<b>2.7</b>
<b>EUV</b>	.99	.98	.97	<b>3.2</b>
<b>FUV</b>	.99	.98	.97	<b>2.5</b>

**F10.7 modeled well with strong solar magnetic fields, and XUV/EUV/FUV modeled well with weak fields.**

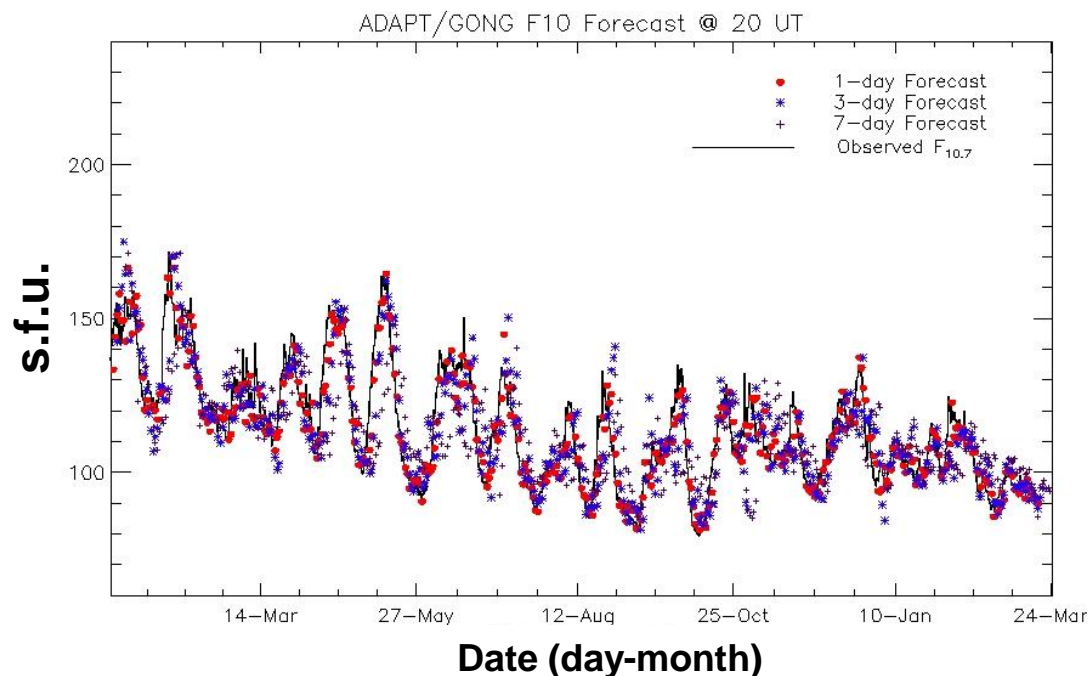


# ADAPT $F_{10.7}$ Model Online



$F_{10.7}$  model forecasts are now online:

- ADAPT runs 24/7 at the National Solar Observatory (NSO) generating global maps every 2 hours
- $F_{10.7}$  model utilizes the ADAPT maps in near real-time, providing 1, 3, and 7 day advance forecast values of  $F_{10.7}$



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Created : 2014 10 24 2147 UT
Date : 2014 10 24
DOY : 297
Model : ADAPT-F10.7
Version : 5.0212
POC : CJ Henney (USAF/AFRL)
POC Email : adapt@noao.edu
Data Input : GONG
Resolution [deg / pixel] : 1.00
Fit-function : m0 + m1*M_P + m2*M_A
Forecast : 0, 1, 3, 7
m0 : 66.06, 65.00, 64.00, 63.00
m1 : 8.51, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00
m2 : 16.56, 17.00, 18.00, 19.00
M_P (plage mag-field) Lower Limit [G] : 25.0
M_A (active region mag-field) Lower Limit [G] : 150.0
Missing value : -1.0
Record Count : 12
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Table Notes

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JD - Julian Date
M - Missing = 0 - forecast available
Q - Quality = 0 - input data nominal
H - Helioseismic data within forecast window:
  = 0 - none, 1 - farside, 2 - nearside, 3 - both farside & nearside
UT - forecast time, Coordinated Universal Time, HHMM format
LastMag - fractional days since last mag data assimilation
NearF10 - fractional days since last F10 obs differenced w/ od value
Diff - obs_model offset = (F10.7 obs value) - (0-day model prediction)
F10.7 Forecast - 0day, 1day, 3day, 7day model estimates plus diff offset
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Observed F10 Data Source

[http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/lists/radio/7day\\_rad.txt](http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/lists/radio/7day_rad.txt)

ADAPT - F10.7 Forecast [s.f.u. @ earth distance]

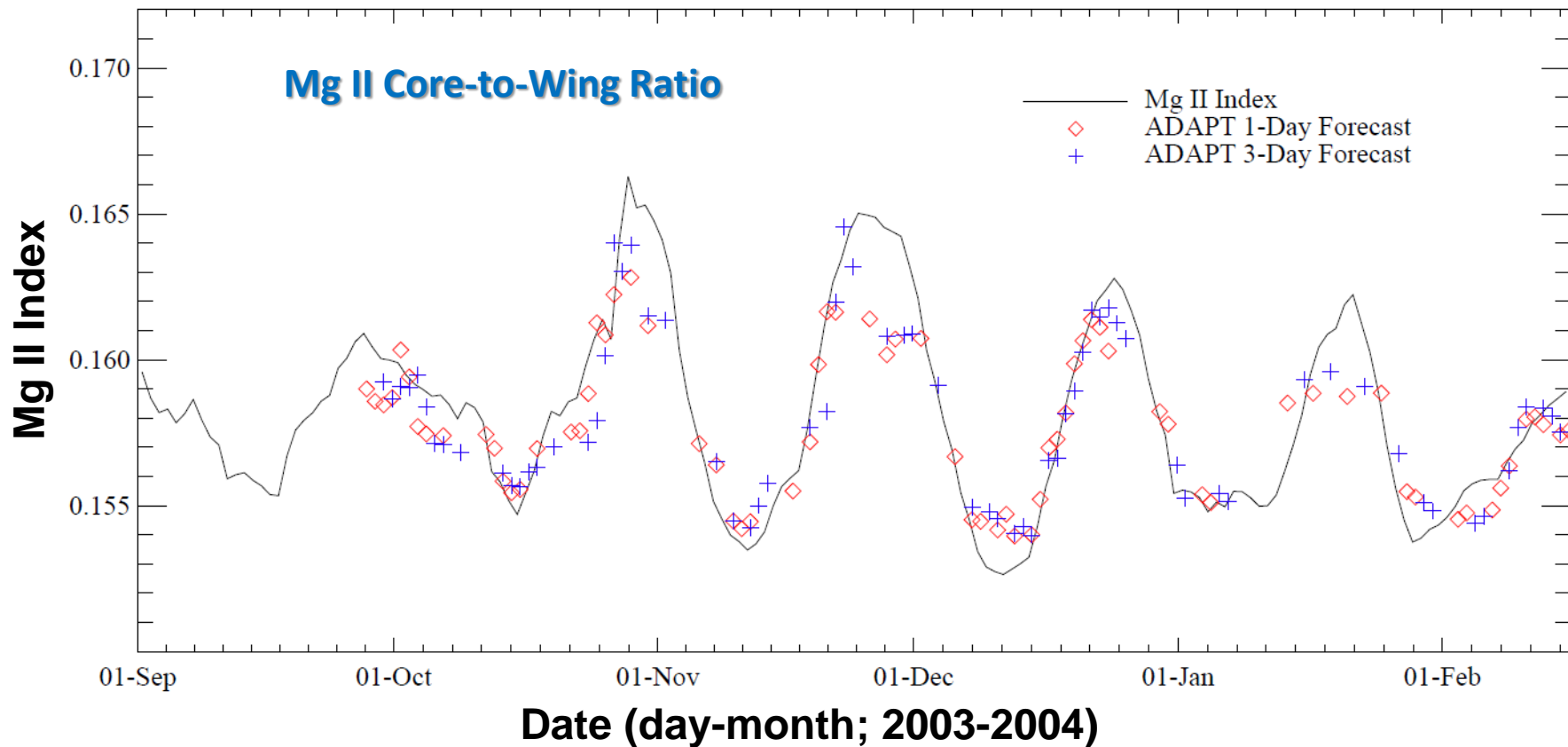
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2456954.5833	0	0	0	0200	0.011	0.125	33.0	204.9	209.9	214.8	144.7
2456954.6667	0	0	0	0400	0.004	0.208	33.0	204.2	209.1	213.9	143.9
2456954.7500	0	0	0	0600	0.087	0.292	33.0	203.1	208.5	212.5	143.0
2456954.8333	0	0	0	0800	0.171	-0.375	52.9	222.0	227.8	231.0	162.3
2456954.9167	0	0	0	1000	0.254	-0.292	52.9	221.0	227.4	230.5	161.7
2456955.0000	0	0	0	1200	0.338	-0.208	52.9	220.1	227.1	230.0	161.4
2456955.0833	0	0	0	1400	0.421	-0.125	52.9	219.3	226.7	229.4	161.3
2456955.1667	0	0	0	1600	0.504	-0.042	52.9	217.7	226.5	228.6	160.9
2456955.2500	0	0	0	1800	0.587	0.042	52.9	215.7	226.3	228.0	160.6
2456955.3333	1	0	0	2000	-1.000	-1.000	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
2456955.4167	1	1	0	2200	-1.000	-1.000	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0

Example ADAPT  $F_{10.7}$  Forecast File





# New ADAPT Forecast: Mg II Index



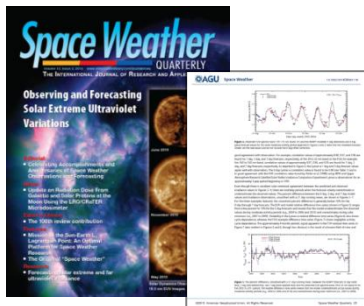
- Mg II Index from GOME/SCIAMACHY (via Mark Weber; Composite V5).



# Summary



- Near real-time ADAPT maps &  $F_{10.7}$  forecasts (1, 3, and 7 day) are public via the NSO at: <ftp://gong2.nso.edu/adapt/f10/>
- Near-future additions:
  - EUV power (0.8-105 nm) & Mg II Index forecasts
  - far-side detections within ADAPT maps
- For more details, see:



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*Henney, Hock, Schooley, Toussaint, White, Arge 2015,*  
***Space Weather, 13, 141-153***  
***& Space Weather Quarterly, 12, 19-31***

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